

Appl. No. 10/674,071
Amnd dated September 23, 2005
Reply to Office Action of September 14, 2005

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-20 are pending in the above-captioned application. In order to expedite prosecution of the instant application to allowance and issuance, claim 68 has been canceled herein without prejudice (or disclaimer) to renewal of this claim in its original form, and such cancellation is not to be construed as abandonment or dedication of the previously claimed subject matter or agreement with any objection or rejection of record. Claims 21-67 have been withdrawn as being subject to a restriction requirement, and Applicants reserve the right to file each of these claims in one or more divisional applications related to the instant application.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claim 68 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The cancellation of claim 68 herein renders moot such grounds of rejection.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claim 68 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Snider et al. (U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0041617) ("Snider"). The cancellation of claim 68 herein renders moot such grounds of rejection.

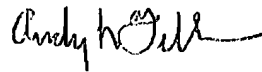
III. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20 were indicated to be allowed.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and action toward that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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